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SUBJECT: RABIN ON EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS

1. PRIMIN RABIN, SPEAKING AT WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS FEB 5, AND AT HAIFA TECHNION FEB 6, HAS PROVIDED ISRAELI PUBLIC WITH HIS LATEST VIEWS ONGOI POLICY RE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. IN BOTH SPEECHES, RABIN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF UPCOMING EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI NEGOTITIONS AND PREFERENCE FOR US STAGED APPROACH OVER GENEVA CONF.

2. FOLLOWING IF FEB 7 JERUSALEM POST TEXT OF PRIMIN RABIN'S REMARKS AT HAIFA TECHNION. UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED.

3. BEGIN TEXT... PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID YESTERDAY THAT IN RETURN FOR ADDITIONAL RRANGEMENT WITH EGYPT "WITH A MEANINGFUL ADVANCE TOWARDS PEACE" ISRAEL WOULD BE READY "FOR A LIMITED TERRITORIAL CONCESSION, AND I EMPHASIZED LIMITED." ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM TECHNION STUDENTS AT CHURCHILL  
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AUDITORIUM ON CAMPUS, HE SAID: " I SHALL BE MEETING

KISSINGER FOR BARGAINING ON NEXT AGREEMENT IN FIVE DAYS AND IT'S NOT WISE TO SHOW YOUR CARDS IN ADVANCE. BUT I CAN SAY THAT NEXT ARRANGEMENT WITH EGYPT MUST BE NOT MERELY MILITARY ONE NOR PRESENT TOO GREAT MILITARY RISK FOR USE. IT MUST BE STAGE ON WAY TO PEACE AND INCLUDE UNDERTAKING FOR PROTRACTED PERIOD OF CALM" HE ADDED: " IF WE WON'T SUCCEED IN MOVING TOWARDS PEACE WITH EGYPT, ALL THAT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT WE'LL GO TO GENEVA."

4. HE WAS AWARE SOME PEOPLE FEARED THAT PARTIAL ARRANGEMENTS RATHER THAN FULL PEACE MIGHT CARRY THE DANGER OF "SALAMI TACTICS." BUT SAID RABIN, "EVERY ACTION CONTAINS SOME RISK AND THERE IS NO PROPOSAL THAT IS FREE OF RISK."

5. ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD INSIST THAT ISRAELI FLAG SHIPS BE ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL, RABIN SAID "UNDEFINED ARRANGEMENTS, IN INTEREST OF BOTH PARTIES, ARE, WE HAVE FOUND, GENERALLY BETTER OBSERVED. THIS HAPPENED IN THE SUEZ GULF, WHERE BOTH WE AND THE EGYPTIANS PRODUCED OIL WITHOUT HINDERING EACH OTHER, IN WHAT WAS ALMOST IDYLL. I THINK RATHER THAN INSIST ON THE SYMBOLIC ACT OF OUR SHIPS GOING THROUGH CANAL THERE ARE MORE CONCRETE THINGS WE WANT AS PART OF INTERIM AGREEMENT." END TEXT.  
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